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Saguaro National Park to Offer “*Family Night: The Park After Dark*” at the Tucson Mountain District

Tucson, AZ--- Ever wonder what magical and mysterious happenings occur in the desert at night? Saguaro National Park will offer *Family Night: The Park After Dark* at the Tucson Mountain District (West), starting June 15.

Guided by Park Rangers, families can explore “The Park After Dark” and experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the desert night. Starting before sunset, participants will meet at the Education Center at the Tucson Mountain District (West), 2700 N. Kinney Road for a welcome and introduction.

The hike will cover no more than a mile and a half round trip. Participants will explore up a sandy wash with some rock outcroppings and find a cool place for a sunset viewing. Rangers will share stories about nocturnal park life and answer questions about the desert at night. The walk out will be under the stars however, headlamps will be available.

The program will start on Friday June 15, and will be every Friday thereafter, including June 22, 29, and ending on July 6. Program hours are from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM with sunset at 7:35 PM and full dark is at 8:15 PM.

The program is free however; as space is limited, advanced reservations are required. Children must be at least 7 years old to attend.

All participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own water bottles and light snacks. Please wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing for the hike.

For detailed information, questions, or to sign up, please email chip_littlefield@nps.gov or, call (520) 733-5157.

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